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Title: CONSIGNMENT NODES

The prior application is assigned of record to MercExchange, LLC, a Virginia corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on October 31, 2000 at Reel/Frame 011272/0843.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

|               | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Specification | 30           |
| Claims        | 6            |
| Abstract      | 1            |
| Declaration   | 1            |
| Drawing(s)    | 11           |

### Enclosures:

- Form PTO-1449, 7 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
- Preliminary amendment, 3 pages.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 08/427,820, filed April 26, 1995. The disclosure of

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the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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